

Surah 64 Surah Taghaabun

THE GREAT LOSS

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAGHAABUN AND SURAH MUNAAFIQOON

Surah Munafiqoon urged people to spend from the wealth that Allaah had given them, *Surah Taghaabun* goes a step further by hypothetically assuming that wealth actually belongs to people. With this assumption, Allaah encourages Muslims to give Him a loan (i.e. to spend their wealth in Allaah's path). If they will comply, Allaah promises them greatly multiplied rewards in return.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The *Surah* contains the following:

- * The concept of *Towheed* and a logical proof to substantiate it.
- * Warnings of punishment in both worlds.
- * The reason for spending in Allaah's path and for *Jihaad* is to preserve the belief of *Towheed*.
- * Spending in Allaah's way.

سُوْرَةُ التَّٰغَاٰبِیْنِ ثَمَانِ عَشْرَةَ اٰیَةً وَقَدْ اُنْزِلَتْ عَلٰی
 بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

یَسْبِیْحُ لِلّٰهِ مَا فِی السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِی الْاَرْضِ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلٰی كُلِّ شَیْءٍ قَدِیْرٌ ①

1. Whatever is in the heavens and on earth glorify Allaah (even though man may not perceive this). All kingdom and all praise belong to Him and He has power over all things.

هُوَ الَّذِیْ خَلَقَكُمْ فَمِنْكُمْ کَافِرٌ وَمِنْكُمْ مُّؤْمِنٌ وَاللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُوْنَ بَصِیْرٌ ②

2. It is He Who created you, (and showed you the paths of Imaan and kufr) so among you are Mu'min and among you are Kaafir. (Although one is free to choose.) Allaah is Watchful over what you do (and will take you to task for the wrong you do).

خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَاَحْسَنَ صُوْرَكُمْ وَاِلَيْهِ الْمَصِیْرُ ③

3. He has created the heavens and the earth with the truth (wisdom for definite reasons), fashioned you and beautified your appearance (making you look better than other creation). To Him shall the return (of all creation) be (after death).

یَعْلَمُ مَا فِی السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَیَعْلَمُ مَا تُسْرُوْنَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُوْنَ وَاللّٰهُ عَلِیْمٌ بِذٰتِ الصُّدُوْرِ ④

4. He knows what is in the heavens and the earth, He knows what you keep secret (conceal) and what you make public. (do openly). Allaah has knowledge of (even) the secrets of the heart. (He knows your beliefs and your motives, so monitor them regularly.)

اَلَمْ یَاۡتِكُمْ بُرٰۤیَ الَّذِیْنَ کَفَرُوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ فَاَفَاوَبَالَ اَمْرِهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ اَلِیْمٌ ⑤

5. Has the news (of the punishment) of the bygone Kuffaar (such as the Aad and Thamud) not reached you? They tasted the evil consequences (punishment) of their affairs and theirs shall be a painful punishment (in the Aakhirah as well).

ذٰلِكَ بِاَنَّهُ کَانَتْ تَاۡتِیْهِمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَیِّنٰتِ فَقَالُوْا اَبَشَرٌ مِّنَّا فَكَفَرُوْا وَتَوَلَّوْا وَاَسْتَغْنٰی اللّٰهُ
 وَاللّٰهُ غَنِیٌّ حَمِیْدٌ ⑥

6. This (punishment) was (the result) because their Rusul came to them with clear signs (miracles and proofs of Touheed) and they said, "Will a human (instead of an angel) guide us?" So they committed kufr and turned away (from the message of their Ambiyaa). (Their attitude did not harm Allaah at all because) Allaah had no need of them. Allaah is Independent (not in need of anyone or anything), Most Worthy of praise (always deserves praise even if the Kuffaar refuse to praise Him).

رَعِمَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنْ لَنْ يُبْعَثُوا قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتُبْعَثُنَّ ثُمَّ لَتُنَبَّؤُنَّ بِمَا عَمِلْتُمْ وَذَلِكِ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ①

7. The Kuffaar think that they will never be resurrected (raised on the day of Qiyaamat) Tell them, "Definitely by the oath of my Rabb! You will certainly (undoubtedly) be resurrected and then you will be informed (told) of what you did. This is very simple (easy) for Allaah."

فَأْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْنَا وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ②

8. So believe in Allaah, in His Rasool ﷺ and in the light (the Qur'aan) that He revealed. Allaah is Informed of what you do. (Action strengthens Imaan.)

يَوْمَ يَجْمَعُكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجَمْعِ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ التَّنَازُلِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ وَعَمَلْ صَالِحًا لَيُفْرَعْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ③

9. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when He will gather you for the day of gathering, that will be the day of great loss (for the Kuffaar who will lose the privilege of entering Jannah). (As for) The one who believes in Allaah and carries out good deeds, Allaah shall cancel (forgive) his sins and enter him into Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. He shall live there forever. That is the great success.

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ④

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10. (On the other hand,) Those who commit kufr and reject Our Aayaat are the inhabitants of the Fire (of Jahannam) in which they shall live forever. It (Jahannam) is the worst of places to return to (especially for people who had been enjoying the pleasures of this world).

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ⑤

11. Every calamity befalls you only by Allaah's command. (He allows these calamities to befall you for good reason, so that you may bear them with patience.) Allaah guides the heart of the one who believes in Him (thus enabling him to bear calamities with patience) and Allaah has knowledge of everything. (He knows how much every person can bear and who are the ones who exercise patience.)

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَاطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَإِنَّمَا عَلَىٰ رَسُولِنَا الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ ⑥

12. Obey Allaah and obey the Rasool ﷺ. If you turn away (from obeying them), then (be aware that) **the responsibility (duty) of the Rasool ﷺ is only clear propagation.** (He is not expected to force you to accept Imaan and will not be harmed by your rejection. Only you will suffer the consequences of your kufr.)

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَيَلْتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

13. (He is) Allaah, there is no Ilaah but He. (None else worthy of worship.) Only in Allaah should the Mu'mineen trust.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنِّ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ وَأَوْلَادِكُمْ عَدُوٌّ لَكُمْ فَاحْذَرُوهُمْ وَإِن تَعَفَّوْا وَصَفَحُوا وَاعْفُوا
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

14. O you who have Imaan! You have enemies among your spouses and children (who may intentionally or unintentionally cause you to neglect your duties to Allaah) so be wary (beware) of them (by never allowing your love for them to take precedence over your duties to Allaah). (However,) If you pardon, overlook and forgive (them when their requests anger you for good reason), then (remember that) Allaah is certainly Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (and will forgive you as well).

إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾

15. Your wealth and children are merely a test (to ascertain whether you will allow them to distract you from worshipping Allaah). (When such times of test arrive, remember that) Great rewards are with Allaah (for those who fulfil their duties to Allaah despite the distractions that their wealth and children present).

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا وَأَنْفِقُوا خَيْرًا لِّأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَمَنْ يُوقْ شَحْخَ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

16. So fear (the punishment of) Allaah as much as you can (by refraining from evil), listen (intently to His commands), obey (them all) and spend (in charity for His pleasure). This is best for you. Those who are protected (by Allaah) from the miserliness (and accompanying greed) of their souls are indeed the successful ones (because they are free to be charitable).

إِنْ تُقْرِضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لِّيُضْعِفَهُ لَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ شَكُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿١٦﴾

17. If you lend to Allaah a beautiful loan (by spending in charity for His pleasure), He will multiply (increase abundantly) your rewards and forgive you. Allaah is Appreciative (of every good deed, regardless of how small it may seem), Tolerant...

عَلِيمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٧﴾

18. ...Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Mighty, the Wise.